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In re Patent No. 6,193,667 :
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This is a decision in response to a petition filed March 3, 2011 (Certificate of Mailing date February 28, 2011), under 37 CFR 1.378(c), to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is GRANTED.

This patent expired on February 28, 2009, for failure to pay the 7 ½ year maintenance fee. A petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be filed within twenty-four months after the six month grace period specified in 35 USC 41(b). The patent issued on February 27, 2001. The six month grace period for the 7 ½ year maintenance fee expired on February 28, 2009.

A review of the record indicates that a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was filed via Certificate of Mailing on February 28, 2011. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.7 Times for taking action; Expiration on Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday states: (a) Whenever periods of time are specified in this part in days, calendar days are intended. When the day, or the last day fixed by statute or by or under this part for taking any action or paying any fee in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday, or on a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday. See § 1.304 for time for appeal or for commencing civil action. Therefore, since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).
The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059.

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